

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1 and 7 are currently being amended.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-12 are now pending in this application.

Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 USC 102 (e) as being anticipated by Marshall et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration thereof is requested.

Marshall et al. discloses a closed system for creating memories products based on materials stored within the closed Hallmark system. However, there is no disclosure that memory data can be stored on a network service not associated with the Hallmark system, as is required by the claim language “a group composition store that independent from and not associated with the at least one graphic store.” Note that applicant’s specification includes definitions of the graphic store, the composition store and the user profile store that clarify that they are network services. See paragraphs 26, 30, 38 and 66 of applicants’ specification.

Additionally, the user profiles are associated with the Hallmark system in Marshall et al. The user profiles are not network services that “are independent from and not associated with the group composition store.”

Accordingly, the claimed system is an open system that pulls together content that spans multiple systems, i.e., the independent graphics store and the independent composition stores, and that is unified and specified by an independent user profile accessed from a user profile store network service. A fundamental point is that the content in the claims is associated with the user and his/her identity and spans multiple systems, rather than being associated and stored within a single closed Hallmark system. A further point is that multiple independent users not associated with the independent graphics stores can be given access to

the same one or more graphics in the graphics store based on the fact that the graphic is referenced in the composition store and the fact that they include a reference to the group composition store in their respective user profiles.

An example of the system operation would be for a user to browse to the MAPQUEST web site and download and store a map to his/her house in a graphics store associated with the user. The user could then browse to the group composition store and add a reference to map graphic in the graphics store, so that other users in the group could now have shared access to this map, even though the map is not physically stored in the group composition store and even though the graphics store is independent of the group composition store. An interesting aspect that is possible with the claimed invention is set forth in claim 6, wherein a web extension can be provided to list compositions stored in the group composition store as being available to a user imaging client seamlessly with other user non-shared content. Thus, in accordance with claim 6, the map in the graphics store would seamlessly show up in the imaging clients of the various members of the groups as being available along with all of their other documents.

These network effects are not disclosed or suggested by Marshall et al. .

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejection is respectfully requested, and an early passage to issue solicited.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

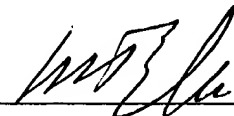
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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